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ANNCR: HERE IS ---------- WITH FROM THE MAGAZINE RACK ... VOICE OF AMERICA SUMMARIES OF ARTICLES ON TIMELY TOPICS FROM AMERICAN MAGAZINES. TODAY TWO DIFFERENT LOOKS AT THE EMERGENCE OF AMERICAN WOMEN: ONE ON HOW WOMEN'S LIBERATION HAS AFFECTED THE HOUSEWIFE, FROM PSYCHOLOGY TODAY; THE OTHER ON THE SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE BY EPISCOPAL WOMEN FOR THE RIGHT TO BECOME PRIESTS FROM U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT: AND OUR THIRD REPORT FROM TIME, OFFERS A NEW LOOK AT THE AMERICAN SOUTH.

"THE CONFUSED AMERICAN HOUSEWIFE" -- PSYCHOLOGY TODAY
(FRANCUCH 3-4042)

REPORTER: FOR A LARGE GROUP OF AMERICAN WOMEN, THE MOVEMENT TOWARD "LIBERATION" OVER THE PAST DECADE HAS CAUSED SOMETHING OF A DILEMMA. THESE WOMEN ARE HOUSEWIVES, WRITES PSYCHOLOGIST DR. MYRA MARX FERREE IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF PSYCHOLOGY TODAY, AND THEIR DILEMMA IS OVER WHETHER OR NOT TO FIND A JOB -- EITHER FULL OR PART-TIME. DR. FERREE WRITES:

VOICE: "THE AMERICAN HOUSEWIFE FEELS HERSELF TO BE BESIEGED. ON ONE SIDE STANDS THE TRADITIONALIST, WHO TELLS HER THAT HER GREATEST PLEASURES COME FROM SATISFYING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS: MAKING A HOME FOR HER FAMILY, RAISING HEALTHY CHILDREN, AND PLEASING HER HUSBAND. ON THE OTHER SIDE STAND EGALITARIANS, WHO TELL HER THAT HER NEEDS ARE

VOICE: (CONT'D) IMPORTANT, TOO. A FULFILLING CAREER HAS GENERALLY COME TO MEAN ONE OUTSIDE THE HOME."

REPORTER: DR. FERREE INTERVIEWED 135 WOMEN LIVING IN A WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITY NEAR BOSTON. ALL WERE HOUSEWIVES, WHOSE YOUNGEST CHILD WAS ALREADY IN SCHOOL -- THEREBY MAKING CHILD-CARE ONLY A PART-TIME ACTIVITY. EDUCATION LEVELS VARIED AMONG THE GROUP. MOST COMPLETED SECONDARY SCHOOL, ALTHOUGH MORE THAN ONE-THIRD DID NOT. VERY FEW WENT TO COLLEGE.

INTERVIEW RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE WIVES WHO HELD JOBS -- ALL KINDS OF JOBS -- WERE HAPPIER AND MORE SATISFIED WITH THEIR LIVES THAN THE WOMEN WHO WERE FULL-TIME HOUSEWIVES. THE EXPLANATION FOR THIS, WRITES DR. FERREE, IS CLEAR.

VOICE: "THE REASONS FOR THE HOUSEWIVES' DISSATISFACTION WAS NOT THEIR PERSONALITIES, BUT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR WORK. A JOB HAS CLEAR REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAR PAYOFFS, IN MONEY, SOCIAL LIFE, AND A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. A JOB TAKES A WOMAN OUT OF THE HOUSE AND GIVES HER CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE -- EMPLOYERS, CO-WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS -- AND THE REGULAR PAYCHECK IS PROOF OF WORK WELL-DONE."

REPORTER: A HOUSEWIFE'S WORK, HOWEVER, IS NEVER DONE. IT OFFERS NO TANGIBLE REWARDS (PAY), NOR SOCIAL CONNECTIONS. AND MANY OF THE WOMEN, SAYS DR. FERREE, ARE UNSURE HOW WELL THEY'RE DOING THEIR HOUSEKEEPING JOB:

VOICE: "THE HOUSEWIVES EXPEND GREAT EFFORT BUT DON'T GET RECOGNITION FOR IT: THEIR HUSBANDS ACCUSE THEM OF 'DOING NOTHING ALL DAY' AND IN THE NEXT BREATH REMIND THEM THAT THEIR DUTY IS TO STAY HOME AND KEEP HOUSE."

REPORTER: IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT DECADES AGO, WORKING-CLASS AMERICAN HOUSEWIVES WERE NOT FACED WITH THIS DILEMMA. BUT THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED:

VOICE: "NOT SO LONG AGO, HOUSEWIVES SHARED A SOCIAL NETWORK THAT GAVE THEM MUTAL SUPPORT, RECOGNITION AND PLEASURE. WORKING-CLASS WOMEN ESPECIALLY WERE LIKELY TO LIVE NEAR THEIR MOTHERS, OTHER RELATIVES, AND CLOSE FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS AND TO ESTABLISH CLOSE-KNIT GROUPS. WITHIN THESE GROUPS THERE WAS NO DOUBT WHETHER SOMEONE WAS, OR WAS NOT, A GOOD HOMEMAKER. IN RECENT DECADES, HOWEVER, THE RISE IN NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO MOVE FREQUENTLY AND THE MILLIONS OF WOMEN GOING BACK TO WORK, HAVE MADE HOUSEWIFE NETWORKS LESS COMMON AND MORE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN." /

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REPORTER: FOR MANY HOUSEWIVES, GOING TO WORK POSES OTHER PROBLEMS. DR. FERREE FOUND THAT ONE-THIRD OF THE WOMEN INTERVIEWED WHO WORKED FULL-TIME FELT INADEQUATE IN MEETING THE DUAL DEMANDS OF FAMILY AND JOB. THOSE WHO WORKED PART-TIME FELT BETTER. OTHER HOUSEWIVES FACED RISKING THEIR MARRIAGE IF THEY ENTERED THE JOB MARKET AGAINST THE WISH OF THEIR HUSBAND.

THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THE COIN, HOWEVER. DR. FERREE FOUND THAT ONE-FOURTH OF THOSE SHE INTERVIEWED WERE VERY HAPPY BEING HOUSEWIVES:

VOICE: "THESE ARE WOMEN WHO FEEL THAT THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE RECOGNIZED AND WHO ARE WARMLY INVOLVED WITH SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS. THEIR MOTHERS, SISTERS, FRIENDS AND COUSINS ARE IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE ALL DAY. THEIR HUSBANDS VALUE THEIR WORK, AND THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FAMILY. THEY ARE NOT LONELY AND ISOLATED, AND THEY DO NOT FEEL THEIR EFFORTS ARE WASTED."

REPORTER: BUT AS MYRA MARX FERREE CONCLUDES IN HER PSYCHOLOGY TODAY ARTICLE, "IN THE PRESENT CONDITIONS OF OUR SOCIETY, FULL-TIME HOUSEWORK IS BECOMING A JOB THAT IS DIFFICULT TO ENJOY."

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"WOMEN PRIESTS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH" -- U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT (SCHNEIDER 3-4042)

REPORTER: EARLIER THIS MONTH THE U-S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONFERENCE VOTED TO PERMIT THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS PRIESTS AND BISHOPS. IN ITS CURRENT ISSUE, U-S NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ANALYZES THE IMPACT OF THE VOTE NOT ONLY ON THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BUT ON OTHER CHURCHES AS WELL. U-S NEWS WRITES:

VOICE: "A NEW PHASE NOW IS BEGINNING IN THE LONG AND UPHILL STRUGGLE OF AMERICAN WOMEN FOR FULL ACCEPTANCE IN THE NATION'S PULPITS.

"ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING BARRIERS IN THE CLERGY FELL ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH WHEN THE INFLUENTIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH VOTED TO PERMIT THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS PRIESTS AND BISHOPS STARTING JANUARY FIRST.

VOICE: (CONT'D) "HOW MANY WOMEN WILL GAIN POSTS IN THAT RELIGIOUS BODY REMAINS TO BE SEEN. EVEN SO, WOMEN'S-RIGHTS LEADERS SEE THE VOTE AT THE CHURCH'S CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS AS A LANDMARK ADVANCE, CULMINATING YEARS OF BITTER CONTROVERSY."

REPORTER: U-S NEWS POINTS OUT THAT THERE ARE OTHER MAJOR DENOMINATIONS THAT STILL RESIST THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS PRIESTS: ROMAN CATHOLICS, MORMONS, EASTERN ORTHODOX AND THE CONSERVATIVE BRANCHES OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND JUDIASM. THE MAGAZINE SAYS THE NEXT FOCUS OF THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN RELIGION WILL BE THE U-S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. U-S NEWS CONTINUES:

VOICE: "OTHER DENOMINATIONS HAVE SOME WOMEN MINISTERS, FROM A HANDFUL AMONG THE TWELVE MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. ALTOGETHER ABOUT SEVEN THOUSAND OF THE NATION'S 474-THOUSAND CLERGY ARE WOMEN.

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"IN THE LAST DECADE, THE RATIO OF WOMEN IN MAJOR PROTESTANT SEMINARIES HAS JUMPED FROM THREE TO SIXTEEN PERCENT. "AS THEIR RANKS SWELL, HOWEVER, MANY ORDAINED WOMEN FIND THEMSELVES UNEMPLOYED OR STUCK IN TRADITIONAL (WOMEN'S) POSTS AS DEACONS OR SUNDAY-SCHOOL DIRECTORS." /

REPORTER: THE MAGAZINE REPORTS THAT WOMEN PRIESTS FACE CONGREGATIONS THAT ARE OFTEN HOSTILE TO THE IDEA OF THEM PREACHING OR PERFORMING WEDDING CEREMONIES AND COMMUNION. U-S NEWS ALSO SAYS THE WOMEN PRIESTS MUST ALSO CONTEND WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN WHO ALSO WANT JOBS IN THE CHURCH.

REPORTER: (CONT'D) UNDER THE NEW EPISCOPAL CHURCH RULES, BISHOPS AND MEMBERS OF LOCAL CHURCH BOARDS NOW HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SELECT WOMEN PRIESTS IN THEIR OWN JURISDICTIONS. U-S NEWS WRITES:

VOICE: "BISHOPS STANLEY ATKINS OF EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, WARNED HOWEVER: 'I'VE WORKED WITH MANY WOMEN MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS, AND I'VE NEVER MET ONE WHO WAS A PASTOR OF A MAJOR CONGREGATION. A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL SAY 'YES' TO WOMEN'S ORDINATION BUT 'NO' TO A WOMEN AS RECTOR OF THEIR OWN CHURCH." /

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REPORTER: U-S NEWS SAYS AS A RESULT OF THE EPISCOPAL VOTE, ABOUT TWELVE-HUNDRED CATHOLIC NUNS HAVE STARTED A MOVEMENT TO HAVE THEIR CHURCH ALLOW FEMALE PRIESTS. BUT THE CATHOLIC WOMEN FACE THE STRONG OBJECTION OF POPE PAUL VI.

THE MAGAZINE REPORTS VARYING DEGREES OF OPTIMISM AMONG THE CATHOLIC WOMEN ACTIVISTS THAT ATTENDED THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION. ONE SAID THE EPISCOPALS' DECISION WILL PROVIDE "A GREAT MODEL OF THE PRIESTHOOD FOR WOMEN OF ALL FAITHS." ANOTHER SAID THE EPISCOPAL ACTION WOULD PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT AMONG CATHOLIC NUNS WHO ARE SEEKING PRIESTHOOD. BUT SISTER ANN PATRICK WARE, CAUTIONED, "WOMEN HAVE SO LITTLE TO SAY IN OUR HIERARCHY THAT I DON'T EXPECT ANYTING TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS ISSUE FOR A LONG TIME."

U-S NEWS SAYS CATHOLIC AND EPISCOPAL SUPPORTERS OF WOMEN IN THE PRIESTHOOD BELIEVE THE DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS OF LIFE AND FAITH THAT WOMEN' BRING TO THE CHURCH ARE LONG OVERDUE ... IN RELIGIOUS BENEFITS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. U-S NEWS CONCLUDES:

VOICE: "OPPONENTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEE WOMEN'S LIBERATION AS ONE OF MANY SECULAR FORCES ERODING DIVINELY ORDAINED ROLES AND DISCIPLINE IN THE CHURCH.

"STILL, IT IS CLEAR THAT WOMEN IN U-S CHURCHES HAVE MADE A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH THAT IS LIKELY TO LEND IMPETUS TO THEIR DRIVE ON REMAINING BASTIONS OF MALE SUPREMACY IN AMERICA'S PULPITS."

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"THE SOUTH TODAY: CARTER COUNTRY AND BEYOND" -- TIME
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REPORTER: THE AMERICAN SOUTH HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED BY PEOPLE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AS A HOPELESSLY BACKWARD THOUGH BEAUTIFUL REGION, FULL OF MOONLIGHT, MAGNOLIAS AND SOUTHERN CHARM ... AGAINST A BACKDROP OF POVERTY, LACK OF EDUCATION, AND PREJUDICE TOWARD BLACKS. MANY CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SOUTH IN RECENT YEARS, HOWEVER. TIME MAGAZINE LOOKS AT SOME OF THESE CHANGES IN A SPECIAL ISSUE DEVOTED TO "THE SOUTH TODAY:"

VOICE: "THE CHANGES THAT ARE TRANSFORMING THE ELEVEN STATES OF THE OLD CONFEDERACY ARE BASIC AND SUBSTANTIAL. IN WHAT HAD LONG BEEN THE NATION'S POOREST, MOST BACKWARD-LOOKING REGION, BUSINESS BOOMS AND ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND. CITIES THRUST EVER OUTWARD AND UPWARD. RACIAL INTEGRATION PROCEEDS WITH SURPRISING SMOOTHNESS. AND A GEORGIAN WINS THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, THE DEEP SOUTH'S FIRST MAJOR-PARTY CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 128 YEARS. SMALL WONDER THAT THE

VOICE: (CONT'D) REST OF THE COUNTRY IS LOOKING TO THE SOUTH TO SEE WHAT IT HAS BEEN MISSING -- AND WHAT IT MIGHT LEARN."

REPORTER: TIME READILY ADMITS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SUM UP ANY REGION OF THE UNITED STATES IN A FEW PAGES, AND THAT THE SOUTH IS "PARTICULARLY COMPLEX AND CONTRADICTORY." YET, IT POINTS OUT, "IF THE SOUTH CANNOT BE TOTALLY EXPLORED, IT CAN AT LEAST BE SEEN AS REALITY, NOT AS LEGEND." AND TIME ATTEMPTS TO EXPLODE THE MYTH OF THE SOUTH AS ONE UNIFORM, PREDOMINANTLY AGRICULTURAL REGION BY EXPLORING SOME OF ITS DIVERSITY:

VOICE: "THE AREA OF THE OLD CONFEDERACY EMBRACES 55 MILLION PEOPLE. IT INCLUDES THE CLEAR **ALPINE VALLEYS** OF THE BLUE RIDGE AND THE SUB-TROPICAL SWAMPS OF SOUTH GEORGIA. IT BOASTS THE 18TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE CLIMBING GLASS SILOS (SKYSCRAPERS) BY JOHN PORTMAN (AN ARCHITECT) IN ATLANTA. ITS EXPORTS INCLUDE COTTON AND TOBACCO TO THE NORTH, POLITICIANS TO WASHINGTON, NOVELISTS TO THE WORLD AND ROCKETS TO OUTER SPACE.

"TWENTY PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION ARE BLACK. THE OTHER EIGHTY PERCENT ARE AN AMALGAM OF MINT-JULEP ARISTOCRATS FROM (NOVELIST WILLIAM) FAULKNER'S SARTORIS CLAN, MEXICAN AMERICANS FROM TEXAS, ROMAN CATHOLIC CAJUNS IN LOUISIANA, CUBANS AND JEWS IN MIAMI, VIETNAMESE RESETTLED ON THE GULF COAST AND ANGLO-SAXON BAPTISTS EVERYWHERE."

REPORTER: PART OF THE SOUTH'S DIVERSITY, TIME REPORTS, IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE TIDE OF MIGRATION IS REVERSING: INSTEAD OF LOSING POPULATION TO THE NORTH, THE SOUTH IS NOW WELCOMING NORTHERN INTELLECTUALS, WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS AND MIDDLE MANAGERS. THE MAGAZINE ENUMERATES OTHER CHANGES:

VOICE: "POLITICALLY, THE REGION IS ELECTING A SERIES OF FRESH PUBLIC SERVANTS -- MOST OF THEM YOUNG, SOME OF THEM BLACK. CULTURALLY, THE SOUTH LAGS BEHIND MOST OF THE NATION, BUT IT HAS MADE MAJOR STRIDES. EDUCATIONALLY, IT IS STILL A PLACE OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS RATHER THAN GREAT SCHOOLS. THEY REMAIN UNDERFINANCED, BUT LITERACY LEVELS HAVE RISEN, AND DOCTORAL DEGREES HAVE ROUGHLY DOUBLED. ABOVE ALL, ECONOMICALLY, THE SOUTH CONTINUES TO GROW FASTER THAN ANY OTHER REGION. INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THE PAST DECADE.

"FACING UP TO ITS HISTORY, LESS AFFLICTED BY RACIAL FANTASIES, NO LONGER CARRYING THE BURDEN OF SOUTHERN HISTORY -- THE KNOWLEDGE OF PAST INJUSTICE, THE TWO-FISTED DEFENSIVENESS AND GUILT -- THE SOUTH MAY BE STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE A NATIONAL LEAD."

REPORTER: IF THE SOUTH WERE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN AMERICAN POLITICS, BY WHAT VALUES WOULD THE NATION BE GOVERNED? TIME POINTS OUT THAT SOUTHERNERS TEND TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON RELIGION AND PATRIOTISM THAN PEOPLE IN SOME OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THEY HAVE A STRONG ATTACHMENT TO THEIR LAND, REINFORCED BY THE FACT THAT MANY FAMILIES LIVE ON THE SAME FARM OR IN THE SAME TOWN FOR MANY GENERATIONS. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE LONG

REPORTER: (CONT'D) REGARDED AS INFLEXIBLE IN THEIR RACIAL ATTITUDES, THEY HAVE SHOWN A SURPRISING ABILITY TO ADAPT TO INTEGRATION, OFTEN DISPLAYING MORE TOLERANCE THAN PEOPLE IN THE NORTHERN CITIES. "WITH THE CURSE OF RACISM BEGINNING TO LIFT," AS TIME PUTS IT, THE SOUTH IS BEGINNING TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON THE FUTURE RATHER THAN THE PAST. THERE'S A FEELING OF NEW POSSIBILITIES, AN EAGERNESS TO SUCCEED AT NEW ENTERPRISES. SOME SOUTHERNERS FEAR THAT OLD VALUES WILL BE LOST AS THE SOUTH BECOMES INCREASINGLY URBAN AND INDUSTRIALIZED. BUT, ACCORDING TO TIME, THESE FEARS ARE ILL-FOUNDED:

VOICE: "THE SOUTH HAS CHANGED BEFORE -- AND REMAINED THE SAME, THROUGH SLAVERY AND SECESSION, INDEPENDENCE AND DEFEAT, EMANCIPATION, RECONSTRUCTION AND INTEGRATION. THE BEST EXPOSITION OF ITS PRESENT CONDITION CAME FROM ONE OF ITS MAJOR PROPHETS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, WHO LIKED TO QUOTE A FAVORITE BAPTIST PREACHER: 'WE AIN'T WHAT WE WANT TO BE. WE AIN'T WHAT WE GONNA BE. BUT, THANK GOD, WE AIN'T WHAT WE WAS.'"

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